(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने देश में इस संबंध में वाहनों की अधिकतम जीवनावधि निर्धारित करने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव तैयार किया है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो प्रत्येक वाहन के मामले में कितनी जीवनावधि निर्धारित करने का विचार है तथा उन वाहनों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) तथा (ख) पुराने मोटर वाहनों के प्रचालन के कारण हुई सड़क दुर्घटनाओं के बारे में कोई आंकड़े एकत्र नहीं किए जाते हैं। सड़क दुर्घटनाओं के संबंध में किए गए विभिन्न अध्ययनों से मालूम होता है कि 2.6 प्रतिशत दुर्घटनायें मोटर वाहनों की यांत्रिक खराबी के कारण होती हैं जो नए अथवा पुराने दोनों हो सकते हैं।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) जी नहीं।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Proposal to run more tourist buses in the country

4684. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Government road transport, plied daily, touching every State in India;

(b) whether the Central Government contemplate to run tourist buses in largs numbers, in order to nave more cultural and social contacts with other States; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider the same, having in mind the National integration by day to day contacts of various States' residents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In order to boost social and cultural tourism, the Department of Tourism, Government of India has undertaken the following measures to facilitate plying of tourist vehicles in India:—

(i) Recognition to the private sector under the Scheme for Tourist Transport Operators, Tour Operators and Travel Agencies on an All India basis to ply tourist vehicles in India.

(ii) In consultation with the Ministry of Finance, the import of air-conditioned cars and coaches has been allowed under a concessional rate of customs duty to specified importers i.e. Tour operators, Tourist Transport Operators, Travel Agencies recognised by the Department of Tourism, Government of India and also State Tourism Corporations.

Further, the All India Permit for tourist Transport Operators Rules, 1993 have been framed under the Motor Vehicles Act to rationalise inter-State movement of tourist vehicles in India.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Repair of Highways and Roads in Tamil Nadu

4685. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has sought financial assistance from the World Bank for the repair of damaged highways and roads in various districts of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;